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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Deputy Director (Plans)  
SUBJECT: Suggested Points for Discussion with Mr. Harriman

1. Pursuant to your request of yesterday afternoon, I am submitting herewith a list of items which I recommend that you touch on in your conversation with Mr. Harriman. The following are the items:

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b. We understand that Mr. Wallace Nielsen has been appointed as Information Chief of MSA for Europe as successor to Roscoe Drummond. We are anxious to know how the MSA Information Program will tie in with the State Department Overseas Program, and what Mr. Harriman's recommendations would be as to our relationships with both. Mr. Nielsen is familiar with the jurisdictional understanding that we reached with State and ECA and we believe that we could work directly with him [ ] with a view to keeping the line straight and avoiding confusion and conflict of effort.

c. What is Mr. Harriman's view as to the nature of the relationship between MSA and State Department Information organizations in Washington? Will there be a closer integration or will each remain substantially independent as in the past?

d. We understand that Charlie Collingwood has just been designated Coordinator of Information for MSA, but that his term of service may be very short, possibly not more than six months according to one of the press releases. We have a high regard for Mr. Collingwood's ability as a newsman and radio commentator, but we are reluctant to discuss too many secret matters with him if he is to be in Government such a short time, and thereafter return to the practice of his trade. What does Mr. Harriman suggest?

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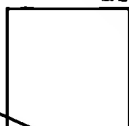
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